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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Oakland – Pursuit Ends In Fatal Officer-Involved Shooting, K-9 Officer Missing

(U) A stolen vehicle suspect was killed early Thursday in an officer-involved shooting after a pursuit that began in San Leandro and ended following a crash on an Oakland street, authorities said. The incident began around 11 p.m. The chase continued into Oakland where the suspect crashed into an unoccupied parked vehicle. Investigators said the suspect exited the vehicle armed with an assault-style weapon, prompting an officer to open fire. First aid was immediately given to the injured suspect, but the suspect was declared dead at the scene. No other injuries were reported. San Leandro Police were also asking for the public's help to find our missing K-9 officer "Kane."

SOURCE: 6 August 2020, [CBS San Francisco](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – US CBP Discovers \$16 Million Worth of Methamphetamine at Pharr International Bridge

(U) Pharr – US Customs and Border Protection at the Pharr International Bridge cargo facility discovered \$16,094,000 worth of alleged methamphetamine within a commercial trailer hauling a shipment of fresh broccoli. On 3 August 2020, a 51-year-old male Mexican citizen arrived at the bridge cargo facility driving the trailer that contained the produce, which was referred for further inspection, when the officers discovered packages of suspected narcotics concealed within the trailer. Officers removed 1,561 packages of alleged methamphetamine that weighed 804.69-pounds. CBP seized the narcotics, conveyance, and arrested the driver.

SOURCE: 5 August 2020, [CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – State Department Releases Report Detailing Russia's Disinformation Campaign

(U) Washington – A new report from the US Department of State's Global Engagement Center (GEC) released Wednesday accuses Russia of conducting a sophisticated disinformation and propaganda campaign that uses a variety of approaches including Kremlin-aligned news sites to promote their agenda. GEC's report focuses on the Russian government's use of this network to push disinformation about the COVID-19 pandemic as it spread across the globe. The report also describes "Russia's disinformation and propaganda ecosystem" as consisting "of five main pillars: official government communications, state-funded global messaging, cultivation of proxy sources, weaponization of social media, and cyber-enabled disinformation."

SOURCE: 5 August 2020, [CNN](#)

(U) Florida – Three Arrested After Illegally Entering Mar-a-Lago with AK-47 in Backpack

(U) Palm Beach – Three 15-year-old boys are in custody after police said they illegally entered the grounds of President Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club on Palm Beach while armed with an AK-47 in a backpack. Police spotted the teens parked in a silver Hyundai around midnight on Friday. When officers

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approached the vehicle, the driver took off. After a short pursuit, the teens stopped near the Southern Boulevard Bridge, hopped out of the car, and ran toward Mar-a-Lago. Security personnel found a backpack on a seawall at the property. Inside was a Mini Draco 7.62 caliber AK-47 with a 14-round magazine. The teens were eventually caught inside the property and taken into custody on charges of armed trespassing, armed burglary, and resisting arrest without violence.

SOURCE: 5 August 2020, [WPTV](#)

(U) Florida – US Charges Ex-Guatemala Economy Chief with Money Laundering

(U) Miami – US prosecutors charged a former Guatemala economy minister Wednesday in a purported money laundering conspiracy that allegedly took drug proceeds and converted them into bribes for corrupt politicians. The US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida alleges that Acisclo Valladares Urruela helped to launder nearly \$10 million in ill-gotten money between 2014 and 2018. His alleged co-conspirators included a drug trafficker, a corrupt politician, and employees. At least two Miami companies helped move the money to South America, the US Attorney's Office said in a statement. Valladares is charged with conspiracy to commit money laundering.

SOURCE: 5 August 2020, [AP](#)

(U) Washington – Twelve Arrested in Takedown of North Sound Drug Trafficking Organization

(U) Seattle – Twelve members of a drug trafficking group distributing fentanyl, heroin, methamphetamine, and cocaine throughout the Puget Sound region were arrested following a year-long investigation and two grand jury indictments. The members of the conspiracies engaged in trafficking activities from Mexico, through California and Oregon, and into the North Puget Sound region. Those arrested will make appearances in US District Court for the Western District of Washington.

SOURCE: 5 August 2020, [US DOJ](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Lebanon – National Emergency Declared, Urgent Funding Approved

(U) Beirut – Lebanon's cabinet on Wednesday declared a two-week state of emergency in Beirut following a massive explosion in the port on Tuesday, and handed control of security in the capital to the military. The cabinet instructed the military to impose house arrest on anyone involved in the administration of the warehouse since 2014, which contained vast amounts of highly-explosive material that blew up, according to a statement by the information minister. The Lebanese cabinet also approved an exceptional allocation of 100 billion Lebanese pounds to deal with the crisis.

SOURCE: 5 August 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) Mexico – Second Journalist Killed in Mexico in Less Than a Week

(U) Mexico City – Unidentified assailants shot a journalist dead outside his home in the western Mexican state of Michoacán, state prosecutors said on Wednesday, in the second killing of a reporter in the past week. Eduardo Ochoa, a 29-year-old freelance journalist and teacher in the city of Uruapan, was shot in the jaw, chest, and hand when he left his home to buy food on Tuesday, prosecutors said. The Michoacán attorney general's office said it was unclear how many people took part in the attack or what motivated it.

SOURCE: 5 August 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) Mexico – Senior Cartel Del Noreste Leader Arrested by Mexican Authorities

(U) Nuevo Laredo – Mexican authorities have reportedly arrested a high-ranking leader and hitman recruiter of the Cartel Del Noreste in Nuevo Laredo. Authorities said they found Edén Guadalupe Villarreal Gómez in possession of a firearm made exclusively for the army and multiple fentanyl pills.

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Authorities said not a single shot was fired in her apprehension. Authorities stated that this arrest deals a blow to the operational structure of the violent Cartel Del Noreste. There were warrants out for Villarreal Gómez's arrest on the charges of murder, organized crime, and crimes against public servants. SOURCE: 5 August 2020, [Laredo Morning Times](#)

(U) Pakistan – At Least 30 Injured in Grenade Attack at Kashmir Rally

(U) Karachi – At least 30 people were injured in a grenade attack on a rally in Karachi on Wednesday, as Pakistan marked the first anniversary of India's revocation of Kashmir's semi-autonomy. The wounded were rushed to different hospitals, where one was in a critical condition, an official from the provincial health department said. The attack was claimed by Sindhudesh Revolutionary Army, a separatist outfit that has become active in the past months.

SOURCE: 5 August 2020, [Reuters](#)

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